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¶1. Embass Tokyo delivered reftel non-paper 7 July to Ministry of Foreign Affairs Maritime Security Policy Division Director Michio Harada and National Security Policy Division Principal Deputy Director Shingo Miyamoto. Japan agrees, in principle, with opening participation in Contact Group on Piracy off the Coast of Somalia (CGPCS) proceedings to countries and international organizations that are able to make tangible contributions to counter-piracy efforts, according to Miyamoto. The CGPCS should also be open, however, even to countries "such as Iran" that some members may oppose, Miyamoto added.
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